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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

AREA HIGH SCHOOLS COMPETE IN STATE MATH CONTEST

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University hosted the Sixteenth Annual Regional State High School Mathematics Contest Saturday, Feb. 24.

Fifteen central Illinois high schools were represented in the contest, sponsored by the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ICTM). Area schools who participated include Beecher City, Charleston, Hutsonville, Kansas, Marshall, Mt. Vernon, Mt. Zion, Neoga, Newton, Oakland, Oblong, Paris, Robinson, Salem and Teutopolis.

Each team, consisting of approximately 25 students, competed in up to 10 events, including written tests in algebra, geometry and pre-calculus, and oral presentations in Codins Theory or Taxi-Cab Geometry.

The competition was held in two classes, A and AA. Division A consisted of schools with an enrollment of less than 750. Schools with an enrollment of more than 750 students were included in Division AA.

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Individual and team winners advance to the state finals at Illinois State University May 4. Overall school team winners were Oblong High School, Division A and Mt. Zion High School, Division AA.

Division A schools, Robinson High School and Teutopolis High School also qualified their entire team for state competition by virtue of placing the top 20 teams in state.

Eastern, located in Charleston, is a public, residential university that places priority on teaching excellence. More than 11,000 students are enrolled in undergraduate and graduate programs. Non-traditional and part-time students are enrolled in programs at both on- and off-campus sites. University faculty are involved in a wide range of research and public service activities.